

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the last paragraph on page 1, with the following amended paragraph:

Platinum Group Metal (PGM) materials are distinguished by their high melting points, by high temperature resistance, and also by high mechanical strength and resistance to abrasion. Therefore they are particularly suitable for making structural parts in plants or parts of plants that come into contact with glass melt. Such suitable materials include platinum and alloys of platinum and/or other platinum group metals, which may optionally also contain lesser proportions of base metals as further alloying components, or oxide additives. Typical materials are refined platinum, PtRh10 (a platinum-rhodium alloy containing 10% rhodium) or platinum that contains a small proportion of finely divided refractory metal oxide, such as zirconium oxide in particular, to increase strength and increase resistance to high-temperature creep ("FKS (fine-grain-stabilized)" platinum). The same or similar materials are also abbreviated as ODS (~~oxide dispersion strength~~)—Oxide Dispersion Strengthened, DPH (DisPerson Hardened) or ZGS (Zirconia Grain Stabilized) materials. DE-A 2002 886 discloses a possible method to manufacture such materials and its contents and is herewith incorporated by reference. Melt technology plant components, such as those described above, are used for melting, refining, transporting, homogenizing, and measuring out molten glass.